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1. NATIONAL RADIO IS BROADCASTING MARTIAL MUSIC INTERRUPTED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
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AT REGULAR INTERVALS BY THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE FIRST READ BY COLONEL SAYE ZERBO IS AS FOLLOWS (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):
"WE, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF REFORM FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE NATION CHARACTERIZED BY THE DEGRADATION OF THE SOCIAL CLIMATE IN ALL SECTORS OF NATIONAL LIFE; CONSIDERING THE RURAL AND URBAN POPULATION, STARVING AND THIRSTY FROM THE IMPACT OF THE DROUGHT AND HIT BY THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF UNHEARD-OF PRICES OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS; WHEREAS THE LOSS OF STATE AUTHORITY DANGEROUSLY IMPERILS NATIONAL SECURITY: CONSIDERING THE GRAVE MENANCE THAT THREATENS INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE LIBERTIES, AFTER NUMBEROUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONVULSIONS, AS THE GOUVERNMENT WAS NOT ABLE TO FIND THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER AND BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS FACING THE VOLTAN PEOPLE, WE PROCLAIM:

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---FIRSTLY, THE 13 DECEMBER 1977 CONSTITUTION IS ABOLISHED.
--SECONDLY, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS DISSOLVED. THE SOCIAL STRUCTURES OF PROGRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A REAL DEMOCRACY ASSOCIATING ALL THE FORCES OF THE NATION WILL BE PUT IN PLACE.
--THIRDLY, THE GOVERNMENT IS DISMISSED AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF REFORM AND NATIONAL PROGRESS WILL BE PUT IN PLACE.
--FOURTHLY, UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT IS SET UP, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF REFORM FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS WILL ASSUME THE EXECUTIVE RESPONSIIBLITIES AND WILL LEGISLATE BY DECREE AND ORDINANCE.
---FIFTHLY, INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE LIBERITIES OTHER THAN POLITICAL ARE GUARANTEED.
--SIXTHLY, INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE RESPECTED.
VOLTAIC PEOPLE, THE HOUR IS GRAVE, BY YOUR CALM AND SERENITY AND YOUR CONFIDENCE PUT IN THE MILITARY AND PARAMILITARY FORCES YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE
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NATIONAL REFORM AND SOCIAL PROGRESS UNDERTAKEN TODAY. WORKING POPULATION, WORKERS IN CITIES AND RURAL AREAS, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF REFORM FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS INVITES YOU TO WORK IN DIGNITY AND SACRIFICE SO THAT UPPER VOLTA MAY LIVE."
2. THE SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT, READ BY A REGULAR RADIO ANNOUNCER, IS A DECREE WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING NINE POINTS:
"IN VIEW OF THE PROCLAMATION OF 25 NOVEMBER 1980, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR REFORM AND NATIONAL PROGRESS DECREES:
1.THE CONSTITUTION OF 13 DECEMBER 1977 IS SUSPENDED.
2. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS DISSOLVED. THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR REFORM AND NATIONAL PROGRESS WILL BE PUT IN PLACE.
3. THE GOVERNMENT IS DISMISSED. THE SOCIAL STRUCTURES OF PROGRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A REAL DEMOCRACY ASSOCIATING ALL THE FORCES OF THE NATION WILL BE PUT IN PLACE.
4. A MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR REFORM AND NATIONAL PROGRESS IS ESTABLISHED.
5. WHILE A NEW GOVERNMENT IS BEING SET UP, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR REFORM AND NATIONAL PROGRESS WILL ASSUME THE EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL LEGISLATE BY DECREE AND NORMAL ORDINANCE.
6. POLITICAL PARITES ARE SUSPENDED AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY IS PROHIBITED.
7. INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE LIBERTIES OTHER THAN POLITICAL ARE GUARANTEED. THE LAW ASSURES THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, LABOR UNIONS, OF TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND RELIGION AS LONG AS NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER ARE STRICTLY OBSERVED.
8. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE RESPECTED. ANY

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INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE STATE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. CONSEQUENTLY, THE WHOLE NATION IS CALLED TO SUPPORT THE REFORM FOR NATIONAL PROGRESS.
9. THE PRESENT DECREE IS TO BE CONSIDERED THE LAW OF THE LAND.
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3. THE THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT IS THAT A COUNTRY-WIDE CURFEW IS IN EFFECT FROM SEVEN PM TO SIX AM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
4. THERE HAS BEEN NO SHOOTING REPORTED. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT (EX) PRESIDENT LAMIZANA IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST. THE HOUSE WHERE HE LIVES IS SURROUNDED BY MILITARY MEN THIS MORNING.
5. TRAFFIC IN THE CITY IS PERMITTED, BUSINESSES AND MARKETS ARE OPEN. TELEPHONE AND TELEX COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOT FUNCTIONING AND THE AIRPORT IS HEAVILY GUARDED.
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